GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Assistance to Afghanistan
Panda Shri Baijayant "Jay"

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has been continuing military assistance to Afghanistan as a part of its obligations to Strategic Partnership Agreement signed between India and Afghanistan in 2011 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has made military sales to Afghanistan since the signing of the agreement and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to develop force posture and force capability of Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF); and

(d) the number of ANSF personnel currently under training in India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Government provides assistance in form of training, equipment and capacity building programmes to Afghanistan National Security Forces (ANSF) based on requests received from Afghan authorities from time to time and in keeping with the provisions of the Strategic Partnership Agreement signed in 2011 between India and Afghanistan.

(b) No.

(c) to (d) As part of capacity building, Afghan Nationals are provided training as requested for by the Afghan authorities. The training and skill enhancement caters for augmenting their efforts in fight against terrorism, organised crime, illegal trafficking of Narcotics and money laundering. ANSF personnel also receive basic training on Military specialities as asked for by them. The numbers are not fixed and fluctuate depending on requests received and processed.